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TO: All Counties, Cities, Towns, Special Purpose Districts

FROM: Kay Gray, Bureau Chief

SUBJECT: Bureau Status

As many are already aware, Norm Klein retired from his position as the Accounting and Management Systems Section Supervisor for the Local Government Services Bureau in December. The Bureau has promoted Darla Erickson (406-841-2909) from her position as an accounting systems officer to the Section Supervisor. We feel Darla is an excellent choice for the supervisor position. She brings many years of local government accounting experience to her new job, including several years working under Norm's supervision in the Section's Glendive office.

While the Bureau certainly feels the loss of Norm's considerable local government knowledge, we still retain a great staff. Kim Smith (406-841-2905) and Tom Hayes (406-841-2906), Audit Quality Control Reviewers in the Helena Office, both CPAs, have a combined 43 years of experience working with local governments and possess a thorough understanding of Montana local government auditing, accounting and legal compliance issues.

We also have immense confidence in our newer accounting systems officers. Although they are not seasoned veterans in the local government arena, they bring many talents to the Bureau and are dedicated to excellent customer service. Accounting systems officers include:

Billings- Linda Willett 406-245-2747
Glendive – Rachelle Fenger 406-365-6582
Kalispell – Magda Nelson 406-257-5245
Helena – Open (currently accepting applications)

Call on them as the need arises. They are eager to help and will serve you well.

